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A.—(*a*) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, whether the information will be made available to the House when received?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"It will be considered when the report is received."

Prisons and Prisoners

Classification of Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao as a 'C' class prisoner.

* 482 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao who was convicted by the Fourth Presidency Magistrate for the City of Madras on 28th May 1935 under section 18 (1) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act (Press Emergency Powers) was first placed in the 'B' class by the said Magistrate;

(*b*) whether he was subsequently reduced to 'C' class;

(*c*) if so, under whose instructions was he so reduced;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that he was placed in 'B' class during his previous convictions at Madras on 22nd March 1932, 1st October 1932 and August 1933 on the report furnished by the police regarding his status in life, and whether the Government accepted the classification and confirmed it; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the report sent by the police, on the basis of which his classification has been reduced to 'C'?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Yes. The convict was provisionally ordered to be placed in 'B' class by the Magistrate pending a report in regard to the status of the prisoner. On its receipt the convicting Magistrate directed that he be placed in 'C' class.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, on what basis he was placed in the 'B' class, before the information was forthcoming?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"On the information available at that time, the Magistrate thought that he could be put in the 'B' class."

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi:—"When the prisoner had been given the 'B' class previously, will not Government consider the advisability of restoring him to the old 'B' class?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—"Will the hon. Member kindly repeat his question?"

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Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—"I understand that on the previous occasion, this Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao was placed in the 'B' class. Will not Government reconsider his case, and if the case warrants it, restore him to the 'B' class again?"

The Hon. Sir K. V. REDDI NAYUDU:—"That depends upon the report that we are expecting. On seeing these reports, I called for an explanation of the difference."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Irrigation

Irrigation under the Rameswaram channel, East Godavari district.

483 *Q.*—Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of the mamul wet land under the ayacut of the Rameswaram channel under the Samalkot canal in the East Godavari district;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the said Rameswaram channel was formed in Government lands;

(*c*) who controlling the water-supply is under the said channel: whether it is the Government or the Maharaja of Pithapuram;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that a large extent of mamul wet inam lands is being left waste for want of proper arrangements regarding water-supply and, if so, what steps Government intend taking to remedy the defects;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that about 800 acres of wet land in Achutapuram village are left waste for want of proper supply of water;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that several complaints have been made to the local Revenue and Public Works Department officers by the ryots concerned and, if so, what action the Government intend taking;

(*g*) whether the Government are aware that there is a large extent of waste land irrigable by the said channel and that the ryots agree to pay inclusion fees in addition to water-cess if the channel is properly controlled and water is supplied; and

(*h*) whether any estimates have been prepared for improving or remodelling the channel at any time and, if so, what the amount of the estimate is?

A.—(*a*) The total extent of wet land under the channel is 3,892 acres as detailed below:—

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Inam and zamindari mamul wet land	3,459
Government wet land	28
Standing permit wet land	405